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RE: Anti-Semitic Statements by Texas State Senator 15th dist Molly Cook

Official Statement from Joseph L. Trahan, Republican Candidate for Texas Senate District 15

Dear Future Constituents,

Like many of you, Molly Cook's statement against Israel on the precipice of the anniversary of last year's October 7th Hamas attack killing unarmed Jewish people, kidnapping, torture and killing Israeli citizens was shocking and got my full attention. Why would Cook make such a ridiculous hate filled statement?

Cook had no reason other than to telegraph her hatred for Israel and the Jewish people to attack them in such a way. My long time Jewish friends, business partners and colleagues are now fully aware of exactly what they can expect from Molly Cook. Appalling is not adequate to describe Senator Molly Cook's foul and despicable comments.

Cook's statements not only distort the facts, but also serve to embolden those who harbor hatred towards the Jewish people and the state of Israel.

I will not tolerate any Anti-Semitic behavior. The Jewish people are my friends and our allies.

First and foremost, let me be clear: The Jewish people have an undeniable and sacred connection to their ancestral homeland, and the state of Israel has every right to defend itself against terrorist organizations like Hamas, which seek its destruction. The horrific acts of violence carried out by Hamas against innocent civilians on October 7th are barbaric, and any attempt to downplay or justify such atrocities is not only misguided but deeply offensive.

As a man of faith, I stand unequivocally with the Jewish community, both here in Texas and around the world. Anti-Semitic rhetoric, whether subtle or overt, has no place in our discourse. It is especially disturbing when such rhetoric comes from a sitting state senator, whose role should be to foster unity and truth, not division and lies. Senator Cook's failure to even mention Hamas, Hezbollah, or Iran—the true sources of terror in this conflict—speaks volumes.



Israel's right to exist and defend itself must never be questioned. The suggestion that we impose boycotts on Israel is indicative of Molly Cook's misguided hatred toward the Jewish people.

As your next State Senator, I will always prioritize truth, stand against Anti-Semitism, and support our allies. I encourage all Texans, especially those in District 15, to reject Senator Cook's Anti-American rhetoric and instead return to values that God will bless, as His Word says regarding Israel, "I will bless those that bless thee."

Texas First and Texans First,

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